

The following changes to the Byelaw are proposed:

1. Paragraph 5.2
  - (a) the period for the Board to consider the minutes of Council meetings is reduced from 10 to 4 weeks.
  - (b) the Minutes shall be published on the ECF Web Site within 6 weeks of the closure of the Meeting instead of 13 weeks.

The rationale is to improve governance by doing things quicker.

2. Paragraph 12.3 Reference to advertising Posts in ChessMoves to be deleted.  
This no longer seems relevant.

3. Paragraph 12.8:
  - (a) The electoral address to be limited to 750 words instead of one page.
  - (b) The following sentence to be added to the end of the paragraph: "Electoral addresses received before the deadline for applications shall be published simultaneously on the website after the deadline has closed. Electoral addresses received after the deadline shall not be published. "

"a" is in response to difficulties in previous elections.

"b" is in response to the complaints raised and associated action at the October 2014 Council meeting.

4. New Paragraph 12.8.1: The following to be included: "Candidates are required to comply with the Code of Conduct (Regulation No. 4) during the election campaign period. "  
The Code of Conduct is imposed on ECF officials through Regulation No. 4. The amendment is intended to ensure equitable conditions for elections between incumbents and new candidates.

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The proposed changes can be discussed on the ECF Forum at  
<http://www.englishchess.org.uk/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=4&t=270>